# STUDENT LIFE NEWSLETTER



#### Calendar Dates

April 23 Deadline for Student Life Award Nominations

May 4 Student Life End-of-Year Celebration

> May 5-11 Final Exams

### A Message from Kevin: Finishing Strong

It is hard to believe we are three weeks away from May graduation. The spring semester is rapidly nearing its end, and what remains is the final push for our students to complete the last round of papers and projects and prepare for final exami-

nations. Student groups are winding down their activities, transitioning new leaders, and hosting a myriad of celebratory events. Faculty are teaching their last

lessons and preparing to assess what their students have learned. We are working hard to help students, faculty, and colleagues bring closure to the year while at the same time preparing for our summer responsibilities, which include orientation and

extended orientation activities, the health and welfare of summer school students, hosting numerous summer events on our campus, and overseeing ongoing maintenance and repairs to our facilities. It is indeed a busy time.

fatigue presses down upon us goes a long way in relieving stress and promoting healthy, vibrant relationships. Going out of our way to assist a student, help a colleague, or resolve an issue communicates our commitment to serving

others as well as promotes a greater sense of community. Yes, now more than ever. we should be spurring each other on so that we can help those all with whom



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Yet, in the midst of it all, I am reminded of Hebrews 10:24: "And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds" (NIV). Our encouragement of one another is as important now as ever. Our ability to model love and patience even though

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# **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE: GRAND CANYON**

Baylor Outdoor Adventure went to the Grand Canyon for an unexpected winter adventure. We knew going into it that it might be cold and there would be some snow. The contrast of the red sandstone to the white snow was simply breathtaking. There were two teams of students and staff hiking separate trails. The adventure was arduous as the average elevation lost on the first day was 3,000 feet. It was certainly a test of mental and physical toughness to carry fully laden packs through a mile and a half of steep snow and ice covered trails. The students should be applauded for their perseverance through some difficult conditions. There were days it snowed and days it was in the 20s, but the Lord blessed us with glorious sunshine the last few days of the trip. We had the opportunity to stop and reflect on why we were here, pray, journal, and be in fellowship. We were refreshed for our final hiking day at the grandest canyon on Earth and left with fond memories of fun, adventure, solitude, and accomplishment.







### NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS IN INDEPENDENCE, TEXAS

**Keane Tarbell** and **Emily Sandvall** traveled to Independence for a farewell reception for Brother Butch Strickland, pastor of Independence First Baptist Church. For the past four years, Butch has helped tell the story of Baylor in Independence to our new students who attend Line Camp. He and his wife will be moving to Alaska to serve as missionaries.



A group shot of the Baylor crew in attendance at Brother Butch's reception. (front) Keane Tarbell; (second row) Brother Butch Strickland, Emily Sandvall, Dean Pattie Orr; (back) Dr. Tom Charlton, Trey Crumpton, Lanella Spinks Gray.



The Baylor Line Camp brick, which now resides outside of the historic sanctuary of Independence First Baptist Church. Baylor Line Camp has officially left their mark in Independence! Student Life Newsletter Page 3

# END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION AND AWARDS

The Student Life End-of-Year Celebration will be held on Tuesday, May 4 from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. in the Mayborn Museum. Please join your colleagues as we celebrate the success of the 2009-10 school year.

At the celebration, awards will be given to outstanding staff members. Please take a moment to review Award Descriptions that were emailed to you to help determine who you would like to nominate. Nominations may be made using the form e-mailed to you or may be submitted electronically at

https://www.baylor.edu/student\_life/index.php?id=27412. Past recipients can also be found on the Student Life Staff Intranet. Remember the importance of your nomination and send yours in by the dead-line of Friday, April 23.

### LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

Save the Date!

Lift Up Your Hearts:

A Service of Prayer and Worship for the Baylor Family Monday, May 3, 2010 - 11 a.m.

**Truett Seminary Chapel** 

Please place Monday, May 3, on your calendar, and join us for a Baylor family service of prayer and worship. Dr. Joel Gregory will bring reflections, and various members of the Baylor community will lead in prayer and music. A complimentary fellowship luncheon for faculty and staff will follow at noon in the Seminary's Great Hall



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# FAMILY CORNER



Congratulations to Karen Hall, Tim Powers, and Jennifer Perkins, who presented at NASPA along with Frank Shushok (Virginia Tech), and Dave Rozeboom (St. Edwards). The name of the presentation was "Creating a culture of scholar-practitioners: a grass-roots movement."



Please pray for the father of **Betty Fornelius** as he recovers from suffering a heart attack in March.



Congratulations to **Jim Broaddus** on the birth of his grandson! Owen James Broaddus was born to parents Matt and





## DEAN INTERVIEWS

Interviews for the Dean for Student Learning and Engagement have begun. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on these dates in the Alexander Classroom for the remaining presentations. Each of these individuals was asked to make a presentation on Developing Student Learning and Engagement within the Baylor Community.

- Dr. Mark Bryant, Monday, April 19, 2 p.m.
- Dr. Jeff Doyle, Wednesday, April 21, 2 p.m.
- Dr. Lanese Aggrey, Friday, April 23, 1:30 p.m.
- Dr. Mark Purcell, Monday, April 26, 1:30 p.m.

### THE PRESIDENT'S CONCERT

You, your family, and all your friends are cordially invited to the **Gala Outdoor Concert:** *The President's Concert,* featuring the students and faculty of the School of Music. The concert will take place on **Saturday, April 24, 2010** at 7:30 p.m. on Fountain Mall.

Admission is free, so bring **your lawn chairs, tarps, and blankets** as you relax. You will enjoy the Baylor Symphony Orchestra and the 200-voice Choral Union. Special faculty guests, Randy Umstead and Rob Best, will perform your favorite works, including Borodin's Polovetsian Dances, the Cowboys Overture, a John William's movie-styled fanfare, The **Battle Hymn of the Republic,** and the **1812 Overture**, complete with fireworks!

For more information, call 254-710-3991. In case of rain, the event will move to Sunday evening, April 25. If it is still raining, then we'll move to Jones Hall, first come, first served. **You do not want to miss this one!**